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## U.S. Army Corps of Engineers remove temporary emergency closure at Lake O' the Pines

*FORT WORTH, Texas* – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, removed the temporary emergency closure on parts of Lake O' the Pines due to ongoing fire suppression operations in the area. The closure was necessary to ensure the safety of the Texas Forest Service aircraft "skimming" the lake surface to refill their water tanks, as well as the safety of the boating public during these operations.

Intermittent closures may be required in the event the Texas Forest requires the aircraft for future fire suppression activities. Boaters are asked to be extra vigilant while operating on the main body of the lake near the dam upstream to the Johnson Creek Park area.

These intermittent restrictions may occur until the Texas Forest Service notifies the Corps that their aircraft are discontinuing fire suppression efforts in the area. The Corps and the many firefighters at work in the region appreciate the public's assistance in ensuring safety of those involved in the fire suppression efforts.

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**About the Fort Worth District:** The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was established in 1950. The District is responsible for water resources development in two-thirds of Texas, and design and construction at military installations in Texas and parts of Louisiana and New Mexico. Visit the Fort Worth District Web site at: [www.swf.usace.army.mil](http://www.swf.usace.army.mil).